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Urban District Council of Driffield.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1947.

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I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1947.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 2,420. Average number of persons per inhabited building, 3.48. Total number of separate occupiers, 1,919. Rateable value £29,679. Sum represented by a penny rate, £117. 17. 3.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:

The Registrar General estimates the resident population at 6,685.

Births.

During the year there were 125 births registered (65 males and 60 females) compared with 132 (74 males and 58 females) last year. Legitimate 122 (64 males and 58 females) illegitimate 3 (1 male and 2 females). The birthrate was 18.69 per 1,000. Last year it was 20.08. For England and Wales the birthrate was 20.5 per 1,000 total population. Stillbirths in the district, 3 (1 illegitimate male and 2 legitimate females.

Deaths.

During the year there were 77 deaths (42 males and 35 females). The deathrate was 11.51 per 1,000. Last year the deathrate was 11.41 per 1,000. The number of deaths of infants under 1 year was 1 male. The deathrate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births was 8. For England and Wales it was 41 per 1,000.

The causes of death were:-

		Total.	Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis of resp. system.	...	1	1	-
Syphilitic Diseases.	...	1	1	-
Influenza.	...	1	1	-
Cancer, all forms.	...	8	6	2
Inter-cranial vascular lesions.	...	12	3	9
Heart Disease.	...	26	15	11
Other Diseases of circ. system.	...	1	-	1
Bronchitis.	...	3	2	1
Pneumonia.	...	4	4	-
Other respiratory diseases.	...	1	1	-
Other digestive diseases.	...	2	-	2
Nephritis.	...	2	-	2
Premature Birth.	...	1	-	1
Congenital Malformation, Birth Injuries etc.		1	-	1
Accident.	...	1	-	1
Other violent causes.	...	2	2	-
All other causes.	...	10	4	6
Deaths of infants:- under 1 year	...			
(legitimate)	...	1	1	-
-do- (illegitimate)	...	-	-	-

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Heart Disease. ...	18	7	11
Other Diseases of circ.system. ...	1	1	-
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Pneumonia. ...	2	-	2
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Nephritis. ...	2	1	1
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	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hosp.	Total Deaths.
Whooping Cough. ...	5	-	-
Scarlet Fever. ...	4	4	-
Measles. ...	10	-	-
Pneumonia. ...	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia. ...	1	-	-
Other diseases generally notifiable.	2	-	-

4. TUBERCULOSIS.
New cases and mortality during 1947.

Age Period.	NEW CASES. Respiratory. M.	F.	Non-Respiratory. M.	F.	DEATHS. Respiratory. M.	F.	Non-Respiratory M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

The efficiency of notification of Tuberculosis in the area is well maintained.

5. An Association is in operation in the town known as the Driffield Nursing Association by whom a full-time nurse is employed whose services are available to subscribers. Very good work is being done by the nurse.

In addition one C.M.B. nurse is working in the District.

6. MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.
There is a Home in Driffield with 12 beds for lying-in cases. There is also a Maternity Ward in the County Hospital.

7. DIPHTHERIA - Immunisation.
The number of children undergoing immunisation against Diphtheria remains at a considerably high level and of the children in the town of school age and under, 955 have received treatment.

. Tuberculosis Clinics: Clinic belonging to County Council available once a week in Beverley.

Mental Diseases Clinic: Weekly at East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley

Orthopaedic Cases: Clinic monthly at Maternity Home, Driffield.
Veneral Diseases treated in Hull Royal Infirmary and York County Hospital, free of charge.

Bacteriological Examinations carried out at the Scarborough North Riding Laboratory and the Laboratory at the Beverley Base Hospital.

8. HOSPITALS.
The Sanatorium at Raywell belonging to the County Council is open to the District and East Riding generally. There is an Isolation Hospital for infectious diseases at Driffield open to the East Riding.

9. SMALL POX.
The County Council has a Small-Pox Hospital at Shipton for the

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20.	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
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10. AMBULANCE.

Whilst no ambulance service is provided by the Local Authority, a whole-time ambulance is available for accident cases, manned by St. John's Ambulance personnel, and there is also a privately owned ambulance in the town.

11. WATER SUPPLY.

The principal supply to the town is afforded by the Driffield Water Company - a private company. It is estimated that 95% of the premises in the Urban District are provided with a piped supply. A chlorinating plant is installed and is in continuous use.

During the year 12 samples of raw and 12 samples of treated water were sent for analysis to the North Riding Laboratory at Scarborough, all such samples being found to be satisfactory.

The main in King's Mill Road was extended to King's Mill House and a main laid to serve the new Council Housing Estate on Northfield Road.

There are about 120 private pumps in the district, most of which are connected to bores sunk into the chalk to a depth of approximately 45 feet.

Six samples of water were taken from these private pumps and on analysis, five were found to be satisfactory and one contaminated. In this case the bore was closed and a piped supply laid on.

12. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

During the year the 9 inch sewer in Spellowgate was extended approximately 50 yards to enable certain cottage property to be connected and the sewers in Manorfield Road and Meadow Road were extended as required by building development.

With the object of prventing infiltration of surface water 200 yards length of sewer at the North End of the town was re-laid in cast iron pipes.

The number of cesspools remains at 13, the same as last year.

Closet Accommodation.

There are 758 pail closets in the District whilst 47 have been converted to water closets under a conversion scheme by which the Council contributes - 50% or £6 (whichever is the less) towards the cost of such conversions.

13. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

All the collection of house refuse and the emptying of earthclosets, ashpits and cesspools is carried out by the Council's workmen.

A Scammell mechanical articulated horse with watertight trailer is employed in the cleansing of earthclosets and cesspools, a portable pump being used to empty the latter.

The whole of the household refuse is disposed of by tipping on a site rented for the purpose situate off Scarborough Road.

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The number of cesspools remains at 17, the same as last year.

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There are 750 pail closets in the District which 17 have been converted to water closets under a conversion scheme by which the Council contributes - £3, or £5 (whichever is the less) towards the cost of such conversions.

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	£.	s.	d.
Mixed waste paper. ...	179.	18.	-
Textile and bagging. ...	4.	19.	8.
Household bones. ...	1.	10.	-
	£186.	7.	8.

14. SANITARY INSPECTION.

	Inspections.	Number in district (where applicable)
Bakehouses. ...	8.	10.
Drainage Works. ...	275.	-
Rats and Mice Destruction.	136.	-
Shops. ...	9.	-
Water Supplies. ...	19.	-
Dwellinghouses (all purposes)	97.	1932.
Food Inspection. ...	140.	-

15. SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Whilst no legal action was taken under the Shops Act or the Public Health Act two water closets were provided,as a result of informal action.

16. SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no public swimming baths but there is a privately owned swimming pool available to the public at a small charge which is well maintained.

17. SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition and water supply of the elementary schools is good.

18. HOUSING.

(i) Inspection.

Number of houses inspected.	56.
Number of inspections made	92.
Number of defects found	15.
Number remedied in consequence of informal action	12.
Number remedied after service of notices under the Housing Act,1936	3.
Number remedied after service of notices under the Public Health Act,1936.	9.

(ii) Overcrowding.

Whilst several cases of acute overcrowding are known to exist in the town,complete up-to-date records are not available.

(iii) Six houses have been erected by private enterprise and nine are in course of erection at an average cost of £1,300 per house. There are,at the present time,250 applications in hand for Council Houses.28 Council houses will be completed next year and it is anticipated that a further 48 will be completed in 1949.

19. INPSECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(i) Milk Supply.

Number of cow-keepers on register.	18.
Number of inspections of cowsheds.	21.
Number of dairymen (other than cow-keepers) ...	12.
Number of inspections of dairy premises. ...	16.

20. BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN DISTRICT.

Byelaws in respect of Slaughter Houses. ...	1st June,1926.
Byelaws in respect of Common Lodging Houses	9th June,1926.
Byelaws in respect of Nuisances. ...	1st June,1926.
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21. REGULATED BUILDINGS ETC.

Building.	No.in District.	No. of Inspections.	General Condition.
Fellmonger.	2.	3.	Fair.
Gut Scraping.	1.	4.	Good.
Rag & Bone Dealer.	2.	28.	Good.

22. MILK SUPPLY.

No samples of milk were submitted for analysis.

There is one Plant in the area not licensed as a Pasturising Plant.

23. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Centralised slaughtering is now carried out in the area, the numbers of animals being slaughtered and inspected during the year being:

1,066 Cattle. 66 Calves. 4,104 Sheep & Lambs. 50 Pigs.

The amount of meat condemned,being found unfit for human consumption was :-

8,892 lbs.Beef.	480 lbs.veal.
945 lbs.Pork.	117 Beasts' Heads & Tongues.
190 Beasts' Lungs.	7 Pigs' Heads and Tongues.
281 Beasts' Livers.	9 Pigs' Plucks.
35 Part Beasts' Livers.	3 Calves' Plucks
119 Sheeps' Plucks.	1 Calf's Head.
87 Sheeps' Heads.	
7 Sheeps' Livers.	3,312 lbs.mutton.

There is one Knacker's Yard in the district which was visited on two occasions,when the general conditions were found to be fair.

Meat inspection is carried out by Mr.W.P.Isherwood M.R.C.V.S.

24. ICE-CREAM PREMISES.

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream,the premises being visited ten times,when they were found to be maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

25. UNSOUND FOOD.

The following quantities of unsound food were condemned and destroyed:-

26 lbs.Tinned Fish.	113 lbs.Cereals.
388 lbs.Tinned Milk.	42 lbs.Bacon.
206 lbs.Tinned Meat.	27 lbs.Pickles.
63 lbs.Misc.Goods.	272 lbs.Tinned Vegetables.
124 lbs.Sugar.	121 lbs.Tinned Fruit.
79 lbs.Tinned Preserves.	480 Eggs.
53 lbs. Sweets.	

The total weight of the above Commodities was 108 stones 2 lbs.

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(John W.Thomas). John W. Thomas.

Medical Officer of Health.

August,1948.

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